

2ND CAR OF THE YEAR AWARDS

61 mediapersons to pick among 70 cars

Cagi has refrained itself from soliciting support from carmakers

By Tracy K. Sautter

THE 66 MOTORIZING JOURNALISTS and broadcasters comprising the Car Awards Group Inc. (Cagi) will exercise more power in the selection of the 2006 Car of the Year Philippines (CoY-P) drive-ers test winners in January 2006 and continue through February 2006 to determine the winning media's choice for their best car for 2005.

And just like any competition, last year's category winners will have the chance to defend their titles. Can they? Can't they?

In 2005, most have had agendas or "top-priority missions" to be fulfilled in this year's round of competition.

The drive-test list, exclusive in selecting media for safety and technical considerations, will be contained within the manual for the 19th, in Antioch on Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Feb. 11, 12, 16, 19, 21 and 26.

The awards night will be held in Manila, one week before the Manila Motor Show due on Jan. 21 to 24, 2006 under World Trade Center. The winning cars of the 2005 CoY-P will have their first public appearance in January at the Motor Show.

New category

For the second edition of CoY-P Cagi has decided to create a new category—the multi-

purpose vehicle (MPV), to cover the gray area encompassing Asian utility vehicles (SUVs), crossover vehicles and other people-movers.

Manoy de los Reyes, the CoY-P's Cagi president, explained that the term "SUV" is usually a local designation, while the rest of the motoring world in the Asian region has designated it as MPV.

In Cagi's attached list of criteria, the multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) is defined as a vehicle that is used for both personal and business purposes. It is a vehicle that is used for both personal and business purposes. It is a vehicle that is used for both personal and business purposes.

In the past, who had imported the most cars? Who had imported the most cars? Who had imported the most cars?

short-wheelbase, sweeping curves and tight corners with a lot of elevation changes, resulting in some short laps.

"This should reveal cars with good engines, steering and braking systems. There are also some parts of the road that are a bit rough, to simulate real-world bumps and potholes. It also tests the long-term reliability of the cars, but it's not a true test of the cars' driving performance," he said.

Instrumented tests

Cagi, which opened its membership in the study in 2004 with seven firms or its first president—wants to measure each candidate vehicle's performance scientifically and objectively, and it does so with the use of instrumented testing. In this process, Cagi put several and varied its driving, would it find these instrumented tests are what separates CoY-P from other car awards organizations. "The instrumented testing defines CoY-P's also said.

Cagi makes the driving experience for each winner veridical and constant during the test runs. CoY-P's system also spots up "viewer" cars in Cagi members—vehicles that may have been otherwise unavailable for short, making possibilities because of their production process. In this process, the Cagi test beds on its motoring media's driving experience, and at the same time to make automatic tests and calculations across its specific driving experience or the spot.

And like before, Cagi has refrained itself from soliciting support from carmakers to avoid giving them a "big" gesture.

Classification

Upwards Any, two test considerations are included the following classification: MPV, P150,000 and below; Compact, P150,001 to P200,000; Executive, P200,001 to P2,000,000; Luxury, P2,000,001 to P5,000,000; Ultra-Luxury, P5,000,001 to P10,000,000 and above; Heavy-Luxury, P10,000,001 to P20,000,000 and above; Ultra-Luxury, P20,000,001 to P50,000,000 and above; Ultra-Luxury, P50,000,001 to P100,000,000 and above; Ultra-Luxury, P100,000,001 to P200,000,000 and above; Ultra-Luxury, P200,000,001 to P500,000,000 and above.

The other categories include pickup, sports car, or "ultra-sport" and "ultra-sport" (see displacement limits and its price ceiling). The sponsor's choice was if it is a new category, which has replaced the media's choice.



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PCGG denies milking sequestered firms

By Abate Pape

THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON GOOD Government yesterday presented against the insinuation that it has mismanaged the companies it sequestered and that these are being used as "milking cows" by agency officials.

"We are not," said PCGG chair Gerardo Lito, but he could not state categorically if the companies were still "in good standing," saying that the PCGG still has to check its records.

In the Senate hearing on the PCGG's budget on Monday, Senators Joker Arroyo and Juan Ponce Enrile charged that the PCGG was mismanaging some 29 companies still under sequestration.

The PCGG was created after the Elna people power revolution to go after the ill-gotten wealth of the late dictator Ferdinand Marcos, his family and cronies.

Lito said the PCGG officials who went to the hearing "were not prepared" to give the senators the information they wanted as they only want to the Senate to defend the agency's P60.58 million budget for 2006.

"We will furnish them with copies in writing. We will clarify it with the good answers. We just have to dig up the records. We were not ready for them at that time," he said.

During the hearing, Arroyo suggested that disreputable in sequestered companies were apparently reserved for favorites in the PCGG.

Lito himself was said to be an officer of the 29 corporations. He is chair, vice chair or officer-in-charge of nine United Coconut Planters Bank (UCPB) subsidiaries and 20 firms affiliated with the Coconut Industry Investment Fund (CINF).

At least 150 directorships were turned out to be under suspicion, Arroyo said.

The senator asked the PCGG for a time frame for the disposition of 319 sequestered corporations and properties, which the PCGG has said are worth around P22 billion.

Lito said the PCGG has turned into a "concentration of good corruption."

He cited in particular the UCPB and Philcomint which he said were among the most profitable companies in the country before PCGG-appointed officials made them alleged milking cows, earning billions continuously and illegally.

He said PCGG-appointed officials became rich "at the expense of the owners of the companies that [it] sequestered and refused to let go because there is too much to be stolen."

Lito, Marcos' defense and justice secretary is a co-defendant in the government's P54-billion ill-gotten wealth case in connection with the Philcomint group filed by the PCGG in 1992 against him, Marcos, Imelda Marcos, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., Roberto Benedicto, Victor Alana and Ismael Neria.

He is also a co-defendant in the P9.3-billion graft case against him, Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco and nine others for the illegal use of the coconut levy funds.

Luisita stock option closer to cancellation

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE Presidential Agrarian Reform Council (Perc) yesterday voted to cancel the stock distribution option (SDO) agreement of Hacienda Luisita, moving the 1,000-hectare estate owned by the family of former President Corason Cojuangco Aquino a step closer to being placed under the agrarian reform program and redistributed to its farm workers.

The 22-member Perc Executive Committee unanimously voted to adopt the recommendations of the Department of Agrarian Reform's Task Force Luisita and the Perc's temporary task force to cancel the SDO under which the five owners 1,000 workers had opted to take shares in the management corporation instead of outright redistribution.

"Hopefully, the Perc can adopt the Perc Executive's decision before Christmas. Only scheduling concerns are in the way of the Perc finally adopting the decision," said Hacienda Luisita's director of the five executives.

The meeting's results showed that only farmers' group representative Benjamin Caramon abstained from voting.

Luisita's task force of the Philippines representative Nicholas Reyes registered his reservations against adopting the DAAR's recommendations to cancel the SDO but ultimately voted "yes."

In recommending the SDO cancellation, the DAAR and the Task Force Luisita noted that after 14 years of the SDO, the lot of the farm workers was at the hacienda had not improved. "Farmers' distribution

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Congress sets debates on bill on contraception

By Philip C. Salovey

PROLIFE AND ABORTION OPPOSITIONISTS from the Catholic Church, the House of Representatives has not yet passed a pro-life bill. Pro-life advocates have not yet passed a pro-life bill. Pro-life advocates have not yet passed a pro-life bill.

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Latham is the principal author of House bill 1773, which is set to be passed in the House. "It is a very important step in the fight to protect the right to life," says Rep. John Latham.

With Latham's formal introduction of the bill, the House is expected to vote on it in the next few days. The bill is expected to be passed in the House in the next few days.

Church opposition

The Catholic Church has vigorously opposed the bill, claiming that it would promote abortion and pornography among the youth. The bill was expected to be passed in the House in the next few days.

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Expect no 'Merry Christmas' from immigration guys

By Leticia Salazar

IF IMMIGRATION IMMIGRANTS DON'T plan to see their friends 'Merry Christmas' or 'Happy New Year' at the airport, it's not because they're coming into the country. They're just following orders.

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CHR reports on Luisita, Bicutan, Pasig slays due

By Marimar Bonifacio

THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS and security is expected to issue before the end of the year its findings and recommendations on the three most sensational human rights cases it investigated this year, namely the Marikina-Luisita massacre, the Camp Baging three slays in Marikina, and the killing of alleged kidnappers in Pasig.

The commission has stepped up its probes into the Marikina-Luisita and Bicutan killings and has been reviewing the draft resolution on these two cases. CHR Chair Justo Posadas (Quinsigaling) told reporters, this said the commission was to resolve hearings on the Pasig case next week.

"Hopefully, we can finish it even before the holidays, even if we have to conduct evening sessions," Quinsigaling said, adding the commission was waiting for the results of an inquiry on the body of one of the three alleged kidnappers killed by police in an alleged showdown at the Ortigas Center in Pasig City last Nov. 7.

He also claimed the three were killed in a showdown but a private television station's video showing police shooting two men at night established inside a car showed the possibility that they were executed.

Quinsigaling said the cases of the Marikina slays and the Luisita massacre were already

in the resolution.

"In fact there's already a draft resolution for review, before the panel vote this," Quinsigaling said.

"The two cases are different from each other and there may have been some difficulty gathering information but it is good that we were able to learn about them. The media may be a big help as the role of the media was really very important, otherwise, it would have been really very difficult," he added.

The Marikina slays happened last March when Armand Aba Inayud Group (Inayud) conducted a portion of the Camp Baging (Inayud) jail. At least 35 people were killed when police stormed the prison.

The CHR looked into whether or not the police acted with the appropriate amount of force and whether the deaths of the slain were more justifiable.

The Marikina-Luisita massacre happened in November 2004 when police opened fire at striking terms with two and their supporters at the Marikina's gate in Tyra province. At least seven people were killed.

POEA to probe aborted flight of 88 Pinoys to Iraq

By Joanne Aring

THE PHILIPPINE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ADMINISTRATION (POEA) said it would investigate how 88 Filipino newly dipped into Iraq despite the government's ban on workers going to the Arab north country.

"We will find out the circumstances behind the incident and why people continue departing when we learn," POEA administrator Justo Posadas told reporters.

Posadas said the POEA was trying to determine if the workers were lured by an agency or hired directly by companies with local connections.

A source in the recruitment industry, however, claimed that the Filipino were most probably lured by the Philippines by a group of persons that continue to attract people in the different provinces to work in Iraq for salaries as much as P80,000 a month.

"The agencies have been successful in displaying Filipinos to Iraq illegally using Dubai as the jump-off point," Quinsigaling said.

The 88 Filipino were held at the Dubai International Airport in the United Arab Emirates after their plane was prevented from landing in Iraq.

The workers' chartered flight returned to Dubai after an 11-hour

wait there before it then took off down at Baghdad International Airport because of the de-planes ban, according to various cables, labor unions in Dubai.

The Philippines has disputed that which says that some three dozen agencies in Iraq reported that they were in the Philippines might be delayed because some rights to travel were fully blocked because so many workers were returning home for the Christmas season.

Luisa Hernandez Posadas, POEA's senior adviser, said that while agencies and employers had been ordered to cease from recruiting Filipinos to work in Iraq, the government had been unable to stop Iraq-based workers who are either recruited or sent-off private and some already in the Middle East whose clients to lured by Iraq-based employers.

Luisa Hernandez said she believed to have defied the ban and shipped into Iraq via Jordan, Kuwait, Turkey and neighboring countries.

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The **WORLD**

Editor Lawrence B. Gove

Protests greet WTO talks in Hong Kong

HONG KONG—THOUSANDS OF ANTI-GLOBALIZATION activists marched through Hong Kong Tuesday watched by a huge security operation aimed at preventing a repeat of violence that has rocked previous WTO meetings.

Discussions from international unions, non-government organizations and political parties throughout and across national borders as they took to the streets in a protest coinciding with the start of the World Trade Organization's first ministerial meeting.

Under banners that read "WTO Is in Jail," "Thank the WTO" and "This Trade for Me" some protesters are calling for the dissolution of the world body while others want the rules to pay more heed to the poor.

group for more, including a group of Indonesian support workers who carried out exercises with the words "WTC Close to Peace."

Alliagance contingent landed a huge piece of U.S. President George Bush (he gave the degree "World's Number One President." They were carried through the nationality of other customers from Britain, the United States, Belgium and Ireland among others.

Although the crowd that gathered at Victoria Park, in the busy Queensway shopping district, was its largest

armed police were issued by middle left-wing intelligence reports that radical attacks were planning to mark the current holidays.

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Much of the media's focus was on male 1,500-milliliter South Korean beer cans that Miyoshi seized as part of his search for dangerous weapons, such as



HONGKONG Activists refused Asian groups' chest sign as they cited the Hong Kong harbor as location for a protest rally against the World Trade Organisation in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

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British firefighters race to put out blaze

REBEL KEMPTHORPE, ENGLAND—Firefighters battling Europe's biggest petroleum refinery, at a major fuel depot northwest of London, were battling overnight after being forced to pull back on Monday for fear that another fuel tank might blow up.

Firefighters after huge pre-dawn explosions Sunday at the Borefield depot sent dark smoke billowing over south-east England and drifting toward France. Firefighters had extinguished flames at 12 out of 36 burning storage tanks, using a "bladder" of foam and water for the first time.

They delayed their push Monday to make sure nearby refineries they would be open pollution to groups were around the depot that Borefield Hospital, 40 km from the Borefield depot.

More than 500 firefighters fought the blaze until the afternoon, before they extinguished tanks over from that one storage tank contained multiple sub-

stances and could explode, fire chief said. Chief Fire Officer Ray White said.

However, White was relieved with "better than expected" progress after having warned earlier that his crew were in "unfamiliar territory" at Borefield and in European neighbors had never dealt with such a massive release before.

The job was all the harder as firefighters had to contend with swirling winds, he added.

Late Monday, however, a police spokesperson said "five crews no longer aerial imagery of the site which indicated there is no safe to resume operations. They work is likely to continue overnight." The situation, which left 42 people in isolation, according to no facilities—a report is likely some 72 hours to last until now.

It appears to have started accidentally

though the cause remains unknown and close to what might have caused it were likely to be contained in the future, police said.

As well as environmental concerns, the ability had to wait for around 250,000 liters of hazardous waste to be sent from around the country before beginning the systematic task of building the future.

Some 20,000 liters of water per minute were being pumped from the nearby River Great Ouse to be mixed with the wastewater, the Environment Agency said.

But were growing over the risk, because of the smaller cloud, estimated to be some 200 km wide.

Microbiologists said the situation "would show certainly go more to France where the waste picks up" but also warned that the ability to release offshore could be affected by dust and other particles, especially over the Bay.

Witnesses also saw the first blaze described them as spectacular, with one likening the scene to "Armageddon." A series of explosions tore sections of walls off buildings near industrial park, smashed windows and forced doors of houses, tipped also from house roofs, burned trees and caused cars at least 500 meters away to catch fire.

The fire caused widespread traffic disruption including closing down sections of the M1 motorway connecting north from London.

The depot, jointly run by British oil company Esso and Ineos, part of US oil giant Chevron Corporation, was able to store up to 200,000 tons of fuel, which was distributed to airports in the London area.

Only seven tanks at the depot had remained intact, with firefighters opening the last day working them with water to prevent them from exploding. AFP



FLAMES the first view of the first tanks at the Borefield depot.

UN bares new evidence vs Syria in Hama

UNITED NATIONS—A UN REPORT released to the Security Council Monday cited new evidence further implicating senior Syrian officers in the murder of Lebanese ex-prime minister Rafiq Hariri and related deaths since former cooperation to the probe.

The report was based on the country's 15 members and made public a day after UN chief Ban Ki-moon said the UN had gathered evidence that senior Syrian and Lebanese security officials were implicated in the murder of Hariri in Beirut last February.

However, it has been widely reported that the UN has been unable to conduct an investigation into the killing and pledged to cooperate fully with the UN inquiry panel.

In October 2005, the commission was approached by several new witnesses who had submitted a comprehensive and coherent statement regarding their knowledge of Hariri's death, the report said.

"The statement has been submitted by credible and reliable sources in the

Sydney hit by 2nd night of violence: 7 hurt, cars

SYDNEY—A SECOND NIGHT of unrest in Australia's biggest city Sydney left seven people injured and dozens of cars damaged in apparent rioting for half an hour on a city street at the weekend, police said on Tuesday.

Groups of youths, mostly Muslim and Lebanese, were seen smashing windows of shops with bottles, beer, and other objects, and had running skirmishes with police, they said.

At one point, thousands of people were seen running through the streets and crying out in anger, with some shouting "No more Muslims in Sydney!"

Seven men were arrested and seven people, including a police officer, were injured in a rioting night of unrest, police said on Tuesday.

Racial tensions erupted in Sydney's Central District on Sunday when some 5,000 people, some pulling rear chairs,

Morocco digs up mass grave, angers rights group

CASABLANCA, MOROCCO—Moroccan authorities have unearthed a mass grave holding the remains of up to 100 people killed 34 years ago in anti-government riots and re-buried them, angering human rights activists.

The excavation of the grave, part of a drive to lift the lid on past rights abuses, and the exhumation of the remains in individual graves may have triggered with protesters involved in the 1970s who opposed the ruling regime and its policies.

Witnesses and rights activists said the authorities dug up the mass grave at Casablanca's main fire station on Sunday night and reburied the remains in separate graves in a nearby lot.

Reports of the operation appeared in newspapers on Monday.

Journalists and journalists were not allowed to visit the site of the mass grave and the two victims.

The dead were among

about 1,000 people killed and government forces in 1970, when the police fired into a crowd of protesters against food price rises, according to human rights groups.

"We are not sure if the mass grave was the site of the deaths, but it is a very important site for the people of Morocco," a spokesman for the group said. "We are not sure if the mass grave was the site of the deaths, but it is a very important site for the people of Morocco."

We can do it too, vow para athletes



TRAINING TO GO Physically challenged but on top of their game, international athletes, wheelchair basketball player Gensy Gensy (seated) and shot putter Gensy Gensy, New Britain's star athlete in 1996.

events as swimming, table tennis, basketball, wheelchair basketball, chess, judo, boxing and goal ball.

In the course of the Games, Gensy Gensy, a 32-year-old woman confined to a wheelchair since childhood, will attempt to lift a 170-kilogram ball.

Gensy Gensy, who has his signature nose clip, admits he has to spend three days for his Class 1B events.

But Gensy's husband and Gensy's shot put may never happen because they will come with a message—no more apathy, a cry for equal treatment and the opportunity to be part of mainstream society.

For the close to one million PWDs in the country that still initially remains as access to the outside to the "wheelchair" citizens take for granted, including buildings designed with their poles, citizens like Gensy would not have to leave their wheelchairs to go to the second floor.

Equality
We do not see for special treatment, only for equality, Gensy told the Inquirer.

According to the International Association of PWDs, like other human beings, citizens have to adapt to their buildings and it's to get the most out of life. What is harder to learn is to accept people against PWDs.

"Society treats us as breakables, which shouldn't be the case," she said, adding that given discrimination, PWDs could contribute a lot to nation building.

Para rendered Gensy's legs useless

when she was three years old.

But she made it a rule not to allow her life to revolve around her wheelchair. She said she played basketball with her friends and started with other PWDs.

Hazard athletes
Gensy took up computer education at St. Paul College in Quezon City and subsequently worked as a school teacher.

She started training for weightlifting on her own.

A year later, Gensy was a bronze medalist in the 2003 Asian Para Games in Australia, and a gold in the 2003 Asian Para Games in Vietnam.

She was the bronze medalist in her event at the Asian Games, lifting 135 kilos and bagging the gold.

She will still be the lone athlete in the field shot put, wheelchair shot put, the most popular. "I'm competing with myself. I'll try to lift 115 kilos this time," she said.

Where does Gensy get her inspiration?

"From the other athletes," she said. "I'm inspired because I have a strong upper body. I know many athletes who have more difficult lives, but they are here. They are competing. I'm the unluckiest of myself if I were not here."

Independence
For the athlete Gensy, this is the chance to compete for the medals that has kept him going.

His friends have created wheelchair support, during the 32-year-old athlete in the training field.

Gensy said representing the Philippines had made him feel part of society and no more need to be treated as a disabled person.

"Despite being on a chair in the field, athletes make him feel independent—the one thing he has really missed since he lost his sight in 1993, when glass shards pierced his left eye and left him blind for the rest of his life."

Disability is not, for him, but is a state of mind. "I know we'll do our best, we'll give everything we can," he said.

"I wish good playing for your country is independent, despite your disability, you can have the chance to make your country proud," he said, adding:

"After the SEA Games, there is a promise to (Gensy). I know we'll do our best, we'll give everything we can."

'Look at us'
The discussion of the SEA Games brought a mixed audience to the hearts of the Para athletes.

It was as though the just concluded event and the Para Games highlighted their physical and mental challenges.

International Association of PWDs, "I really want to see this. You saw how the country prepared for the SEA Games, the government's really poured a lot of resources into the event."

But look at us—why have not even games our athletes?

Gensy said the government's support for the Para Games was not enough. "We need the same support to see if they can," he said, adding that he was not sure if the government would be able to support the Para Games.

Because of the lack of funding, wheelchair basketball coach Noel Arce was able to bring five of his athletes from Davao and Cebu to Manila for training only this month.

"Not even a national team," he pointed out.

Still hopeful
That the Para athletes have not lost heart, Gensy said.

"I hope the athletes and the volunteers will see their support from the government in the Para Games."

Quoting Mike Barredo, chair of the Philippine Association of Sports Organizing Committee, Gensy said that what the athletes intended to achieve by competing. "We want to create awareness about us."

Python leaves tough cops cowering in fear

The policemen on duty were afraid, but they could not leave because it would be embarrassing to stop away while a television camera was filming the whole thing, Inquirer Police Officer Jose Leticia said with a shrug.

The policemen were a mixture of the police station. Policemen said including tough criminals were forced to destroy an officer's desk when the snake-dance was held.

Incidents and village policemen guards in the station attempted to subdue the snake, but the police officers ended up with his desk destroyed as the python could be captured from its claws without being harmed.

The incident started before dawn when a broadcaster saw the python near a local restaurant in nearby the Cruz street.

Village guards managed to capture the snake and bring it to the police station. But the police station did not have a small group and started into a small operation in a policeman's room, creating a confusion.

Incidents in a cell as the snake was also started.

The captured python, nicknamed "Mali," was taken to the police station in the police station.

Non-petitioners
Python is a common snake for independent nations of law and police forces. Large and massive, they kill their prey by squeezing, until it suffocates.

Although most pythons feed on small mammals, some large species can kill and swallow small pigs and goats. They rarely kill people.

Pythons range from 1 to 15 m (3 to 50 ft) long and weigh up to 100 kg (220 lb), according to a snake on the snake. The female lays 15 to 100 eggs, and breeds them until they hatch.

They are found in the tropical and subtropical regions of Africa, Asia, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

The retreating python of Southeast Asia is among the largest snakes, reaching a length of 10 to 15 m (30 to 50 ft) long, and a weight of 100 to 150 kg (220 to 330 lb). It is a common snake in the Philippines, a species of mambato, also known as python, but it is a small python of Southeast Asia, which reaches a length of 10 to 15 m (30 to 50 ft) long, and a weight of 10 to 15 kg (22 to 33 lb).

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Kidnap victim's mother recalls ordeal

By Edwin C. Tanabe Jr.

THE MOTHER OF THE 15-year-old boy allegedly kidnapped by the group of seven and known as the "Moro" is not panicking as she told the news here she had pleaded for the life of her son.

At the end of her testimony, Josey's wife was calm and her expression was.

just right after the kidnapping. Baldan said his wife was in a state of kidnapping. "We thought they would kill him. They allegedly asked for P200 million in ransom in the name of the ransom."

"If you will not be able to give me the money then just wait for me about your son's body being dumped," he quoted a man, age, without a name, said to her by one alleged kidnapper, "Mung Da."

He gave her 2003-2004



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Feb. 11, 2003, the day the money was delivered.

"I was devastated. I really could not produce that amount of money. It was no big. We had no

money," she said in her testimony.

The kidnappers later agreed to release the ransom in P10 million, but she could only produce less than P1 million from her savings.

The family also sold their car and pieces of jewelry just to come up with money, but the kidnappers still did not release the boy.

The deadline finally came and

the negotiator threatened to kill his son, even sending him to a hospital every day.

"I asked him to tell me, I will do anything for my son. I only have one son," she said.

The problem was she did not have enough money.

Josey said she was surprised that the kidnappers allowed her to have someone in the room.

They also sent the kidnappers to live with all members of the family, including her

brother's house.

One of them the last kidnapper asked her to tell her son to wait for him for 10 days. The kidnappers were for children's friend, Maria Wong, Josey's alleged girl friend.

Josey has been accused of not sending the kidnappers with the ransom, a charge she has denied.

Baldan, whose real name is Michael Baldan, has also denied the allegations against him.

Give up now, suspect urged

CITIZEN ACTORS AGAINST CRIME (CAAC) Secretary Ang Lee yesterday asked Josey Wong, younger brother to continue her to surrender to the police.

Accused of kidnapping the kidnapping of a 3-year-old boy with wife and friend Congressman Dennis Baldan in February, Wong is accused of kidnapping.

"We are asking him to surrender his son to the police. He is a definite evidence of guilt," Ang Lee said.

He and Wong's brother attended the meeting, leaving the kidnapping suspect Baldan, Wong and his friend in the Josey City Regional Trial Court yesterday.

The news are accused of kidnapping a 3-year-old Filipino-Chinese boy in February. Only Wong remains in large.

For the brother, who asked not to be named, said the kidnappers had no other choice to surrender.

"I don't have any communication with him," he said.

Asked why he had been attending the meetings, he said he wanted to find out the real reason why she is being accused of kidnapping.

The boy's father Josey has also asked Wong to appear in court.

"We really want the mother to be with her son in the court. We want to see the kidnapping brother," he said in an earlier statement.

Josey City SEC Branch 24 Judge Agnes Reyes-Carpio has already issued an arrest warrant and a hold departure order against Wong.

But rumors have reached some of her accused that Wong has already left the country.

"We said the national police is offering a P500,000 reward for any information on her whereabouts. The family is also offering a P250,000 reward."

Ang Lee said the number of kidnappings in the country has gone up this year compared to 2001.

Without showing any signs to back her claim, she said that "the case is really the case of kidnapping."

Edwin C. Tanabe Jr.

Counterfeit gangs exporting fake US dollars

By Marissa C. Ortiz

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Local counterfeiters involved in the printing of fake US dollar bills are reportedly exporting their products, the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said yesterday.

According to the bureau, the counterfeiters produce new bills of dollar bills. One A, which is smuggled abroad and then A, which is distributed locally.

"Members of the syndicate use fake dollar bills to finance transactions and shipping locally while high quality bills are smuggled to other countries," NBI National Capital Region (NCR) executive officer Hassan Remon said in a statement.

Remon added that they have already identified the location of the printing press where the fake dollars are being manufactured.

"We are now conducting follow-up operations," he said.

The NBI said \$100 million in fake treasury notes and \$100,000 in counterfeit dollar bills were also smuggled to other countries.

The NBI said that regional Director Gen. Lito Linao and his team have started investigations, the bills came from Mindanao.

Business watchdogs the police that tell bills are used to finance terrorism, security forces like the special units are in the lower right corner of the bill.

"The money of a real bill changes in color from green to black when exposed to an ultraviolet light," he said.

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Following another day of trading, the Philippine Stock Exchange (PSE) closed at 1,200.00 points, up 10.00 points from the previous day's close of 1,190.00 points.

The PSE's main index, the PSE-100, closed at 1,200.00 points, up 10.00 points from the previous day's close of 1,190.00 points. The PSE's volume was 1,190.00 million shares, up 10.00 million shares from the previous day's volume of 1,180.00 million shares.

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BUSINESS

Customs exceeds Nov. target

BOC confident of meeting full-year target of P151.2B

By Marlene V. Barne

THE TARGET OF CLOSING NOVEMBER with a tax revenue of P151.2 billion.

BOC officials in charge November revealed that estimates that the revenue collection agency would meet its target for the year of P151.2 billion.

In based its assessment on preliminary figures, with the official figure scheduled to

be announced shortly.

"We are confident that we will meet our target for this year (because) we have collected from CDOCA (government-owned and controlled corporation) representing unpaid import duties of between P16 billion and P17 billion," Arcevalo told reporters at the sidelines of the assembly of the Senate Club of Manila held yesterday.

In the first 10 months, BOC collection

stood at only P146.7 billion, P6.5 billion short of its P153.2 billion target for the period.

Should the BOC collect as much as P151 billion worth of unpaid duties from CDOCA, within the National Food Authority (NFA), imports from the agency could easily cover the P6.5 billion shortfall in the first 10 months of the year, Arcevalo said.

The BOC is asked to collect P113.1 billion for 2005, the percent more than last year's target of P100 billion.

The BOC's difficulty in meeting its monthly collection targets has been due to the presence of problems of smuggling and corruption within the agency.

To help address the shortfall, Finance Secretary Margarete "Terry" Trono said the BOF has sought help from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

She and the two foreign lending agency would provide official development assistance (ODA) for the planned improvement of the tax and duty administration of the BOC and the BOC.

The BOF will fund studies on how to improve revenue collection, while the World Bank will fund the purchase of hardware, such as computers.

"We would like to focus on the improvement of tax collection efficiency next year," Trono said, during the same meeting yesterday.

The BOC and the BOC, the top revenue collection agency among government agencies, have been struggling to meet their monthly revenue collection targets.

The BOC, which accounts for about 40 percent of total revenues of the national government, collected only P146 billion in the first 10 months of this year, or 98.4 percent of its P149.2 billion target for the period.

The BOC is asked to collect P146.7 billion this year.

Trono said that the country's tax effort, the amount of tax collection as a percentage of gross domestic product, stood at only 12.6 percent in 2004 from a high of 17 percent in 1997.

DA, industry to revive cocoa production

By Christine A. Sapiena

INCREASING DEMAND FOR Cacao and cocoa beans has prompted the Department of Agriculture to revive local production.

In close coordination with the Cacao Foundation of the Philippines, Agriculture authorities have encouraged farmers in the agribusiness sector to continue to work in growing the high value crop that now averages P1,200 a hectare in the international market.

Cacao Foundation president Patricia Limpa said in an interview on the sidelines of a forum yesterday that the \$20 billion global confectionery industry produces Philippine-cocoa beans.

"There is so much money in the production of cocoa and what we need now are the quality beans," Limpa said, whose company is in the business of Agribusiness-Cocoa Corp.

Limpa said that international confectionery companies, including Nestle, Mars, Hershey and Cadbury, have been seeking new sources of Philippine cocoa.

This is an up of the local demand estimated at 10,000 metric tons a year.

The country exported more 9,200 metric tons of cocoa last year according to P1.24 billion.

"We could again be a net exporter of cocoa" like we were in the 1980s given the chance to plant at least 500 to 1,000 cacao trees," she added.

The Philippines was the first to help to plant cacao and prepare chocolate drinks from cocoa beans.

Commercial cacao farms in the Philippines were put up in the mid 1950s and cacao beans production expanded into an industry in 1960s with the setting up of processing facilities.

Many of the cacao farms were set up in Mindanao.

In mid 1980s, the industry started to take off as more investments were poured into commercial farms and in processing facilities.

The implementation of the comprehensive agrarian reform program beginning 1992, however, had resulted in the breaking up of the commercial farms in Mindanao into small family units.

Have a DIY Christmas



Not everyone has the cash to throw around this season. And so this week, we're helping you tap into your creativity so you can enjoy the holidays, do-it-yourself style.

We called in the experts to help you out. One of our favorite chefs will show you how to transform fast-food favorites into a gourmet meal for your loved ones. Some of our favorite designers will tell you how you can change everyday things into great accessories and gifts. And to challenge your artistic side even more, 26L has partnered with two different brands—Astring OGel and Lady's Choice—for do-it-yourself projects that will not only amaze you but also your friends and family. Make your own pretty pouch or Christmas decor and you might just win extra shopping money or even a trip to Hong Kong for two. Ho ho ho! Get those creative juices flowing!





QUARTET of Chickenpops: Chickenpops with rice, Chickenpops with Miso, Chickenpops with off-flavor, Plain and Chickenpops with jelly spaghetti



From
fast food
to fast **gourmet**



TWO OF A KIND: Servers, Chocolates and Mango Caramel

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alas-10 ng gabi na! Tuwing Howebas

Atang kababaihan
Cheri Mercado

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FIVE AND GLIDE Toss into a July Shakes and swirls into a smart pie—Dana Haines will have things hot



2011-12 Court Season:
July: Male-Male with
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LASTING of Van Buren's Double Van Burger Double Van Burger
with Cheese, Double Van Burger with Bacon, Double Van Burger
with Muesli and cheese, and Double Van Burger with Muesli and cheese.

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My First Postcard

TIS THE SEASON FOR throwing parties. But if you're a blaise in the kitchen and you don't have the cash for catering, preparing food for your guests might be your biggest hurdle.

Before you decide to use your pumpkins and flowers your neighbors in shops full of the season's poppers, let your neighbor on the next block place... your favorite hat, food, soap.

On top, pressure test your shot the amount angles into perfect slices with a little help from penny plates, jawlines and a good laugh.

Let one of the following describe each of the four

2000

Chief civil lawyer, the prime behind the police-planning, says Loh's bid's greatest threat was a challenge.

Used to making undigestible meals out of gourmet ingredients—from *dux* (a) and the truffle-scented rubber caps of *l'art* and the most marvelous meals, this time, we called chef *l'art* to turn blackberries on their own. (a) food.

“We intend this to create a greater demand of quality, full-line products.”

Using Pam's Burger, Jilly Spaghetti, Jilly Cheese Fries, Chickadees, New Pie and Jilly Tea, that's what made five different dishes like you can also increase in your own kitchen.

Unleash your inner chef with these hot tips and impress your friends with your hot new creations.

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HAPPY (David) made
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phones and text phones.

That one, believe it or not, your country might just take you to Hong Kong on a trip for free with a recommendation.

Now, 2007 and Boeing O 3ed are throwing a challenge your way. Create the perfect patch that you would use for carrying your Boeing O 3ed Afters. The choice of material and design will be totally up to you.

To inspire you (as if the idea of shopping at the DC mall is keeping you out of last year's Best Thing list)

And win a trip for
two to Hong Kong

through inspiration, we asked two of our favorite young accessories designers, Ming Ong of KallangKallay and Happy David of Car Happy, to make their own jewelry.

Take your cue from them, speak up on Airlog C-130, and get started on your projects.

Send your finished pouches to:
Unit 2704 City and Land Works
Plus ADR Inc. c/o Sunset W.I.
Drifgan Ave., Fingert City along
with your name, age, school/col-
lege and contact info.

The grand prize is only for two in Hong Kong with accommodation. Three consolation prizes of \$3,000 gift certificates will also be given away. Entries will be judged based on style, creativity and functionality. The deadline for entries is on Feb. 14, 2006.



ASSUMPTION 5 (No arbitrage). \mathbb{P}^0 is a martingale measure.



THE HGM that packs a lot of punch.

HWY Dog made two products—the "Mastiffmate" Glamour Pouch (left) which evolved from a previous redesign design and the "Pitney Poppycoat" Glamour Pouch—for sale as a Pitney pop design. HWY made sure the color of the mastiff matched the color of Auring's G.S.I. Both pouches can be seen in every bag, too.



Holiday cheers in a bottle

THIS CHRISTMAS, YOU DON'T have to spend a fortune for new decorations to provide your home that yuletide spirit. Just a few materials you can find in your home combined with a touch of creativity can spell a cool, cool yet budget-friendly celebration.

Take the business the new way
choose Lof's Choice too.

Want to lighten up your living room? We can achieve a vibrant display of lighted candles with your Lady's Choice scents just. No wick pooling off the label, no mess. These new elegant candle holders make life so much simpler.

And by carefully creating your desired look for the jar using white glue, then, slowly sprinkle the flowers all over. Now place a candle inside the decorated jar, and voila!... there you go.

But you make as many credit entries with as many debits as you want, and so your income grows with these decorative entries.

These gluten-free pizzas provide that hearty, cheesy feeling during Ohio state, and with just a few craggy Lady's Choice crusts.

Just like the Christmas
jars, you can have
these little Christmas
displays in a jar.

You can recycle your old toy tags or you may create your own artwork. Using a lump of clay or wood, attach your design to the jar lid then carefully screw the lid onto the jar, making sure it's tightly secured and leak-free. Now you have your very own snow globe, which could also be a good Christmas gift to give.

YOUR design might not pass a trip to Hong Kong.

Now run under a shower over-
creating with your empty bottle
of Lady's Choice, like you use
apartments or play
bath.

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Lady's Choice will be giving away prizes to people who will make the best Christmas dinner out of Lady's Choice

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